

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/712,999	ARAKI, KOTA	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Thuy V. Tran	2821	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/17/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

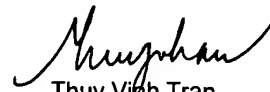
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>02/20/2004</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |


 Thuy Vinh Tran
 Primary Examiner
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DETAILED ACTION

This is a response to the Applicant's filing on 11/17/2003. In virtue of this filing, claims 1-27 are currently presented in the instant application.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

A telephone call was made to Mr. Howard L. Bernstein (Applicant's Representative) on 12/07/2004 to expectedly discuss about the typographical errors corrections to be made to claims 1, 11, and 24. However, no response was made. Therefore, the Examiner decisively makes this amendment to correct such typographical errors. It includes:

Claim 1, line 10, change "cell" to --cells--;

Claim 1, line 12, change "electrode" to --electrodes--;

Claim 11, line 6, delete "of"; and

Claim 24, line 6, delete "of".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-27 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest a method for driving a plasma display panel comprising a step of setting time of occurrence of discharge so that, in each of the display cells,

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time of occurrence of facing discharge between the first electrode or/and the second electrode to which the voltage having the inclined waveform is/are applied and the third electrode comes earlier than earliest time of occurrence of surface discharge between the first electrode and the second electrode corresponding to each other, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 1 (claims 2-27 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 1).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation of relevant prior art

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Prior art Kim et al. (Pub. No.: US 2002/0135542 A1) discloses a method and apparatus for driving a plasma display panel.

Prior art Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,816,136) discloses a method of driving a plasma display panel.

Prior art Kashio (U.S. Patent No. 6,720,941) discloses a method of driving an AC plasma display panel.

Prior art Setoguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,707,436) discloses a method for driving a plasma display panel.

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Prior art Ito et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,603,447) discloses a method of driving an AC plasma display panel.

Prior art Kurata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,294,875) discloses a method of driving an AC plasma display panel.

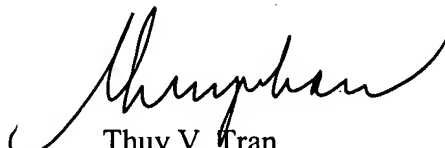
Prior art Kuriyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,023,258) discloses a flat display device.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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